

**Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 22, 2008**

**At 117 Greenwich Street**

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The meeting was called to order by President Fred Allardyce 6:05 p.m.

Board members in attendance in addition to President Allardyce: Morton Beebe, Bill Benkavitch, Carol Parlette, Lee Radner, Debra Bleemer, Felix Rodriguez, Bill Sauro, and member-in-waiting Jonathan Middlebrook. Absent were Linda Schwartz, Joe Wyman and Diana Taylor. A quorum was established.

1. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed via email by unanimous vote.
  
2. Treasurer’s Report. Carol Parlette distributed the Balance Sheet indicating assets of \$6,461 and no liabilities. A deposit for \$60 representing 2 member payments was all the activity during the past month. Membership forms were given to Secretary Sauro that represented two renewal memberships and five new members with forms being sent in from the last BCNA Newsletter.
  
3. Waterfront Action Committee Report.

A. Seawall Lot 351/8 Washington Street Condominiums. Lee Radner reported that the Port of San Francisco was being very uncooperative in providing agendas and background material for a planned Public Meeting on Seawall Lot 351 scheduled for the day after Memorial Day. Radner expressed his displeasure with the entire way the Port had been handing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for uses of the Seawall Lot. After much discussion, a letter that had been crafted by Diana Taylor was presented and approved for delivery to the Port before the Tuesday, May 27, 2008 meeting. The letter stressed the overwhelming preference of neighborhood residents for the creation of a park or open space on Seawall Lot 351, and that this aspect needed be highlighted in the consideration of proposals received by the Port. Allardyce brought up the fact that the San Francisco Supervisors 18-month temporary resolution regarding preservation of like-kind recreational facilities in the City needed to be made permanent, and that individuals representing the San Francisco Tennis Club were working on that

legislation. Radner stated that Friends of Golden Gateway Tennis and Swim Club (FOGG) were also working to that end.

B. Discussion of Exploratorium Meetings. Beebe stated that he has had meetings this day with the Board of Directors of the Exploratorium on various issues including the timing of their planned move from the Palace of Fine Arts to Pier 15 on the SF Waterfront. He stated that they hoped to be in this new facility by 2012. He also said that he thought it might be desirable for the BCNA to co-sponsor a fund-raising event with the Exploratorium in the future to help their money-raising efforts. The Board voted unanimously to a motion to permit Beebe, Rodriguez and Schwartz to meet with the Exploratorium on this fund-raising event issue, and to also make sure that issues previously raised concerning parking and traffic were being addressed in a proper manner for the betterment of the neighborhood.

C. Broadway Family Housing II. Discussion was limited to the fact that in all likelihood, this second low/moderate income project will be built, and that Broadway Family Housing I was an overwhelming success with thousands of applicants for the available apartments.

D. 555 Washington Street Condominiums. Allardyce notified the Board that the developers of this project have stopped making presentations and have not asked for approval by the BCNA of their plans, evidently tabling the project for the time being.

4. Annual Meeting Agenda. A general agenda for the 2nd Annual Meeting of the BCNA was discussed, including a treasurer's report, overview of accomplishments and future issues, the election of Board members and the subsequent Board meeting to elect officers for 2008-09. Sauro stated that all dues-paying members had been mailed a postcard indicating that they had until May 15, 2008 to place their names in nomination for a Board seat, and that currently there were 11 nominees for the 11 Board seats. Sauro said that in this situation the nominees could be elected by acclamation. Sauro will also remind Schwartz of the meeting and see if she needs any help with acquisition of refreshments for the meeting.

#### 5. Existing & New Committee Activities for 2008

A. Community Improvement District. The advantages of a CID and its various thresholds for creation and tax implications were discussed. Sauro and Allardyce stated that they would be working with Wyman on meetings to learn more about creating such a district in the BCNA

B. Newsletter Committee. Allardyce reiterated the issues relating to the re-publishing of the Spring newsletter and stated that the response has been positive from those receiving it. After some discussion, it was moved and approved that the Board gives permission for any news stories or articles that have appeared in the BCNA newsletter to be re-published in Connie Hazel's Barbary Coast News on-line publication. In addition, electronic (PDF) versions of the BCNA Newsletter will be placed on the [www.barbaryneighbors.org](http://www.barbaryneighbors.org) website.

D. Program & Social Committee. No activity except planning for the Annual Meeting.

6. Additional Item: Legality of the Port Not Redoing Its Plan Every Five Years. This issue was discussed in various aspects with the final result being that Sauro, Radner and Rodriquez would do research into finding ways to make the Port follow the law and create a new Waterfront Land Use Plan. Such an effort will include contacting the City Attorney, the Planning Department, and secondarily, the costs of a law suit in the event some organization wanted to press the Port for compliance.

7. Next Meeting. Wednesday, June 4, 2008 after the 2nd BCNA Annual Meeting.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sauro

Secretary